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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

Washington, Feb. 27.—For Kansas:
Generally fair; variable winds.

Just before ex-Governor Thomas A. Osborn sailed for Europe on the Adriatic Victoria on Sunday last in company with Clifford C. Baker of this city, he was interviewed by the reporter of a New York paper on the situation in Kansas. What Mr. Osborn had to say is interesting in Kansas: "If you wish to know," he said, "what I think of the material interests and prospects of the state of Kansas, I can say that they never seemed better or more stable. For some years our people have been liquidating, and this remark applies to all classes, but especially to the farming community, which is by all odds the most important element of our population. The interest on mortgages has been, in the main, promptly met, and the total of mortgage indebtedness on farm property is very many thousands of dollars less today than it was a year ago. The fact is that our farmers and our people generally are approaching very closely to a condition of independence. We are not extremely wealthy, but the wealth we have is widely distributed, and we are not sufferers. It is estimated that the unusually heavy fall of snow which occurred about two weeks ago has made a great wheat crop sure. The prospect is that we will harvest in the neighborhood of 100,000,000 bushels of that cereal. Call it worth only 50 cents a bushel. If you please, we will have received \$50,000,000 from this crop, from which a good profit will be realized. And our wheat crop is but a small proportion of our agricultural products. We are in debt, of course. Who is not? But I doubt if any people anywhere are also rapidly liquidating their indebtedness more rapidly than we are."

The cold rigors winter now holds almost the entire country in its icy grasp, the agricultural outlook might perhaps be more encouraging than it was a month ago, when the hope of farmers and planters to be determined largely by the weather of the season. But the prolonged depression of the great agricultural interests in the United States has of late been deepening, as the market prices of their products have shown a phenomenal and apparently ruinous downward tendency. The state of things might be worse with patience were there a sure prospect of its speedy termination. But foreign interests afford no reason to hope that the present prices of wheat or cotton will be greatly increased by augmented demands for them abroad at no very early date.—New York Herald.

Of course the market price of agricultural products has "shown a phenomenal and apparently ruinous downward tendency." hasn't every newspaper in the country except those blinded by the golden glare of Wall street, foretold that the demobilization of silver would cause a further fall in the price of agricultural products. There is nothing "phenomenal" about it. It could have been foreseen by any one with his eyes open. A decrease of the circulating medium decreases prices paid for products of human labor. The Herald was among other eastern newspapers that shrieked until it was cross-eyed for the passage of silver repeal. Now, it is wondering in a manner that almost infantile, what is the matter.

How they intend to get woman suffrage in New York state is told by Miss Susan B. Anthony to a reporter of the Washington Post:

"Our plan is a comprehensive one," she remarked, "you will easily understand when you look over it. The constitutional convention meets in New York in May next, and we desire to present it with a petition of 1,000,000 names, requesting the adoption of an amendment for submission to the people at the fall election, striking the word 'male' out of the suffrage laws. It is an immense undertaking, but we are very hopeful of getting the names. You see we want enough names of women to stifle the cry of the newspapers that the sex does not want suffrage, and enough of the men to exercise a political power in behalf of the movement. Last year there were 1,200,000 votes cast in New York state, and certainly there are at least that many women there who are over 21 years of age. We will endeavor to get half of each."

Twenty-six years ago before the last constitutional convention we got 23,000 names without organized effort. Now we are working on energetic lines. Our plan is this: Our first step is to hold a mass-meeting at every county seat in the

sixty counties, of which twelve have been held already. The meetings are widely advertised in the county papers and invitations are sent to all the preachers, preachers, all the prominent men to be present. In this way two or three come from each town and village to attend the meetings and are there organized into township committees to circulate our petitions in their immediate sections. At each meeting, too, resolutions are passed regarding the county delegates to the constitutional convention to vote for the amendment to strike out the word "male" as a qualification for voters.

"Petitions are being circulated now," she continued, "in Washington County last week one was taken to every house, and everybody residing in them signed it. Three women circulating the petitions in Rochester found but four persons who refused to sign. Indeed, no political party ever held such a campaign as we are holding now, and it is ready in more respects than one a march of education.

Miss Anthony stated that there would be enormous work to be done in New York and Brooklyn, where it is under charge of Little Deveaux Blake and Carrie Lane Chapman, respectively. There were also twenty women holding separate meetings throughout the state, stirring up the people previous to county meetings.

KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

Is N. Momma of Howard, a pup as well?

Murders go on uninterrupted at Wash-
ington, regardless of law.

It is estimated that the next Kansas
wheat crop will reach 100,000,000 bushels.

The Lyons Republican has discovered that Lewelling in Wyo means spelled soup.

Women have so much regard for their
sex at Hiawatha that they never make
atmosphere when they get drunk.

The bagpiper master at Scranton got
hit in the eye by a trunk he was hanging
around. Even the worms will turn.

A Horion young man was given 100
cents and a lecture on honesty for returning
a purse containing \$40 which he had found.

The Fairview teacher who objects to
being called "professor" is strongly
suspected of having a great deal of
common sense.

The Democratic postmaster at Mattoon
is secretary of the Equal Suffrage associa-
tion thus making provision against
the day of wrath.

May Austin of Pleasanton has been
advertising through the Manhattan
Mercury for a man who would appropriate
a good, true-living wife.

Several colored children were seen
playing on the streets of Alchison the
other day in their bare feet, and they
didn't seem to mind it at all.

Hiawatha. World's Only One. Doplman
county lady teacher was married last
year. Consequently new locations are
being hunted up by most of the lady
teachers.

Mrs. Margaret Wickens of Sabrina,
one of the most prominent W. R. C. leaders
of Kansas, has been given a position
as matron of a reform school in Chicago
as a good salary.

Horton Headlight: A. Horton lawyer
received a letter from a Kentucky party
who wants to go into the "peculiar of
mosaic," and wishes to know what he must
do before he can sell drugs and "unusual
articles" in the state of Kansas.

A Salina woman started out to visit the
joints of that place in search of her husband.
She took an ax with her and when she was refused admittance, merely
hewed down the door. If a picture
on the wall offended her she cut it out.
She went to all the joints and warned
each keeper not to sell liquor to her husband.

In 1854 Mr. Dow was again elected
mayor of Portland, and subsequently he
served two terms in the legislature. He
dustered the army in 1861 as colonel of
the Thirteenth Maine volunteers and
was commissioned brigadier general by
President Lincoln. He served throughout
the war and at one time commanded the
Department of the Gulf. He was
wounded twice at the battle of Fort
Frisco and after being taken prisoner
was confined for eight months before being
exchanged for General Fitzhugh Lee.

In a recent letter to John Chamberlain, a
New York temperance advocate, General
Dow thus summarizes the results of pro-
hibition in Maine:

The people of Maine by a regular system of
public teachings were fully convinced that
the law was wise and good, and that
the general welfare that it was in doubt
whether it was wise or not. They were
fully convinced that the experiment of
prohibition should be tried upon it to see
if the result would be good. On the day of
the election of the Maine law, the
people of Maine, it seems, extensively in
the same manner as it is now conducted in those
states and countries where it is imposed by
law.

Quintly all this was changed. The effect of
the law was almost instantaneous. Stocks of
liquor were sold out in a few days, and
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Brown—No? I thought it would make
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